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- ☐ 1. At 6 p.m. on 5 June 1953, a train of 7 flatcars carrying 7 x 122-mm field howitzers, 7 flatcars carrying 5 trucks, and 6 boxcars occupied by troops and carrying equipment and ammunition left the Doeberitz railroad station toward Wauen. 25X1C
- ☐ 2. On 3 June, Blumenthal residents were ordered by the Germans to Blumenthal to harvest the crops on either side of the dirt road southwest of Blumenthal in a depth of about 50 meters, as large tank columns were expected to pass through soon.
- ☐ 3. On 5 June, a large shipment, including numerous trucks and Soviet troops, was detained at the Blumenthal railroad station. 25X1X
- ☐ 4. At about 7 p.m. on 8 June, a train which carried 37 trucks and 6 medium AA guns; and included 5 boxcars occupied by about 120 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, was seen passing through Bergsdorf coming from Templin and proceeding toward Berlin. The guns were canvas-covered. 25X1
- ☐ Source saw an officer from Jamlerspring with one of the guns. At about 7:30 p.m. on 8 June, 21 trucks and 4 medium AA guns were entrained at the Templin railroad station, and left toward Berlin. A railroadman stated that, in the early morning of 9 June, 30 trucks with engineering equipment and engineer soldiers were entrained at the Templin railroad station. 25X1X
- ☐ 5. On 10 June, about 60 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets unloaded straw mattresses and baggage from eight boxcars at the Nordbahnhof in Rathenow and loaded it on trucks. 25X1C
- ☐ On 8 June, a train, which included 9 boxcars occupied by about 100 to 170 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets; and which carried an undetermined number of motor vehicles was seen at the Rathenow main station. At about noon on 8 June, about 30 trucks wearing black-bordered black epaulets unloaded telephone poles from two flatcars with sideracks at the Rathenow main station. The poles were hauled away by motor vehicles. 25X1C
- ☐ At 4:30 a.m. on 10 June, two colonels wearing black-bordered golden epaulets inspected ramps and sidings at the Nordbahnhof and main station in Rathenow. On 12 June, telephone poles were being erected along the railroad line toward Stendal by troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets. 25X1C

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6. On 25 May, a column, including 2 jeeps, 24 prime movers towing guns, 4 motorcycles and 6 trucks, was seen passing through Altenkirchen in the northern part of Ruegen Island, coming from the direction of Glowe and proceeding toward Puttgarten.

7. According to personal observation and entrances in a logbook, Major Fedorov (fnu) of the Neubrandenburg komendatura visited the following units: [redacted] Eberswalde on 7 May; [redacted] Freienwalde on 11 May; and [redacted] Bernau on 26 May.

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1. [redacted] Comment. According to credible information by other sources, the train carried units of the 1382d AAA Regt (US) of the 1st Mecz Div, which went to Justerbog under shipment-record No 61182. See [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. Blumenthal is located southwest of Wittstock. It is possible that major exercises are scheduled to be held in this area in early June.

3. [redacted] Comment. The two AAA shipments presumably involved units of the 63d AAA Div (US) or AAA units of the 25th Tank Div or 6th Gds Mecz Div, which possibly transferred to Wustrow. The engineer shipment probably involved engineers of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army or the abovementioned division, which possibly went in the area of Jerichow on the Elbe River for exercises, as had also been observed during the same period in the preceding years.

4. [redacted] Comment. According to [redacted] the detraining in Rathenow probably involved units of the 9th Gds Tank Div, presumably including signal units. This observation, in connection with the information on the line construction, tends to indicate that exercises of units of the Second Gds Mecz Army were scheduled to be held in the area west of Rathenow in mid-June. It can, however, not yet be determined whether these exercises are in connection with the exercises, which are believed to take place in the Jerichow and Blumenthal areas. See [redacted] Comments 2 and 3.

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5. [redacted] Comment. Major Fedorov (fnu) is known as deputy of the commander of the komendatura in Neubrandenburg. [redacted] the 35th Gds Mecz Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div from Bernau until 26 May 1953. [redacted] was repeatedly observed as address in the Schuetzen Kaserne in Eberswalde and may belong to an office or unit of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. [redacted] the 16th Gds Mecz Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div from Bad Freienwalde until 11 May 1953.

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